

Pokagon State Park

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Interpretive Programs And Other Park Events!

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March – April 2008

Potawatomi Inn Activities!

Too cold to go outside?... Check out our Inn craft room! There are many items from which to choose, from a simple bracelet to a holiday decoration. Stop by the Activities Room or check our schedule at the main desk. Join us!

Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...



All Programs are on Eastern Time! Daylights savings time begins March 9!

Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at

www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

Saturday March 1

- 10:30am **In Like a Lion or Lamb Walk.** Following the old adage, will March come in like a lion or lamb? Find out during this short walk through the nearby woodlands. Join us at the Nature Center!
- 3:00pm **A Recycled Bluebird Box Building Session.** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a short talk on the beautiful eastern Bluebird. You'll have a chance to make a simple bluebird box from a recycled milk carton to attract this songster to your backyard or neighborhood. Now is the time to get them out! After the program we'll take a short walk to the nearby field to see if we can find one. DH



Sunday March 2

- 8:30am **Late Winter Wetlands** Gather in the Inn hallway by the coffee machines for a short jaunt out into the fresh, late winter air for a look at waterfowl and other birds returning to Pokagon marshes or those still wintering here. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. Trails may be spongy! Join us! FW

Saturday March 8

- 3:00pm **Winter Tree ID.** Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium for a very brief discussion on winter tree identification, then we'll head out for a short walk to identify some trees in their leafless condition. AH

Sunday March 9 (Daylights Savings Time Begins today!!!)

- 8:30am **Return of the Redwings!** Bring your warm clothes and meet us in the Inn Lounge by the fish tank and coffee pots. From there, we'll bundle up and head out for an hour or so fresh air walk. Will our "real" harbingers of spring be in the marsh today? Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, for close up looks at birds and anything else moving about. FW

Saturday March 15

- 10:00am **Ides of March Meander.** Meet at the Inn Main Entrance for a good walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. We'll hike part of Trails 3 & 6. The marshes and swamps in mid-March can be alive with activities. FW
- 3:00pm **Bluebird Time.** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a near repeat of the March 1 program. March is the perfect time for preparing for this beautiful songbird. DH

Sunday March 16

- 8:30am **Mid March in the Marshes.** Nothing beats an early morning fresh air walk and few things are noisier than redwing blackbirds and geese setting up housekeeping in mid-March marshes. Join us out on the Inn Sun Deck for a 1-½ hour discovery hike. Bring binoculars, if you have some, or borrow a pair of ours. FW
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop by the Nature Center Auditorium for an informal hour of observing our Nature Center chores! DH

Saturday March 22

- 10:30am **First Spring Weekend Walk!** It's a woodland stroll on the first Saturday of spring. What will we encounter? Find out during this 1 hour walk. Meet the Interpreter at the Nature Center front deck. AH
- 3:00pm **Skunk Cabbage Search.** Join us at the Inn Main Entrance from where we'll take off on a 1½ hour trek into the nature preserve to look for the first flowering plant of the new year! FW

Sunday March 23

- 8:30am **Easter Sunday Morning Stroll.** Before things get busy this holiday, get up early and join the park interpreter out on the Inn Sun Deck for our traditional early Sunday morning stroll for fresh air and wildlife sightings. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. FW

Saturday March 29

- 2:00pm **Rare and Endangered Species Spotlight.** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a short discussion on some not too common animals that still call Pokagon, and our local area, home. We will use a mixture of photos, mounts, and study skins for this little "show 'n' tell" session. Find out how you can help them! FW

Sunday March 30

- 8:30am **Out Like a Lion or Lamb Walk.** Following the old adage, will March go out like a lion or lamb? Find out during our traditional Sunday morning walk through the nearby woodlands and wetlands. Join us out on the Inn Sun Deck. Bring binoculars if you have some or borrow a pair of ours. FW

Saturday April 5

- 10:00am **Ecology of An Abandoned Homestead.** Join the Interpreter for a brief look at some Pokagon history by reading the landscape. We'll gather at the Inn Main Entrance and venture off to an old homestead site in the park's interior. We'll be out for over an hour. Prepare for some off-trail hiking. FW
- 3:00pm **Vernal Pond Patrol.** A nice walk down into the Nature Preserve and over much of Trail 6. We'll search the temporary spring ponds along the way for songs of frogs, salamanders, and other forms of life. We'll be out for about 1-½ hours. Meet at the Potawatomi Inn Main Entrance. FW

Sunday April 6

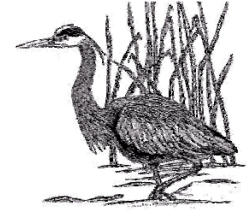
- 8:30am **Sunday Morning Stroll.** See Sunday, March 23, Easter Sunday Stroll for program details. FW
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Saturday April 12

- 2:00am **Tax Time Trek.** You got your taxes done?! Treat yourself to a good, two-hour trek on Trail 2! Meet the Interpreter at the historic spring shelter. Parking available above the shelter if you are driving from the Inn. DH

Sunday April 13

- 8:30am **Early Morning Meander.** Get up and get some fresh air in this short jaunt up the road and back as we watch for deer and other critters moving about in the new day. Bring binoculars if you have some or borrow a pair of ours. Meet at the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck. DH



Saturday April 19

- 3:00pm **A Movie Special, "An American Boy."** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a showing of the 30- minute movie, "An American Boy." This film chronicles growing up as a 12-year old boy in Indiana in the late 1940's and early 1950's. It features a very special time for the filmmaker at our Pokagon Boys Camp.

Sunday April 20

- 8:00am **Early Migrators.** As we push towards the peak of migration, spotting new birds every day is possible. Bring binoculars if you have some (or borrow a pair of ours) and join us out on the Inn Sun Deck for an hour or more hike into several habitats in search of birds. FW
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** See Sunday, April 6 for program details. DH

Saturday April 26 Wildflower Saturday!

- 10:30am **Spring Ephemerals.** It's that time of year when we briefly enjoy the wildflowers that are seemingly with us for such a short period of time. We'll search and enjoy on this short 45-minute walk leaving from the Nature Center.
- 3:00pm **Wetland Wildflowers.** Gather at the Inn Main Entrance for a short 1-hour discovery hike into the wetlands down in the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. We should still be seeing some nice spring wildflowers coming into bloom in this very unique area. FW

Sunday April 27

- 8:00am **The Spring Migration.** Grab your binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet out on the Inn Sun Deck for our traditional Sunday morning hike. We'll check out the nearby wetlands and woodlands for any birds that are moving back in for the summer or just passing through. We'll be out for an hour or a little more. FW



Nature Center School Season Hours: 10am to 5pm, weekends; 1pm to 5pm, weekdays.

